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Washington State Department of Printing tops national productivity rankings for second year

OLYMPIA—The Washington State Department of Printing (PRT) is ranked number one in productivity among in-plant printers in the United States for the second year in a row, according to the December issue of *In-Plant Graphics* (IPG) magazine.

An in-plant is a printing department operated within a company, government office or university.

According to the 2002 IPG "Top 50 In-plants" report, PRT employees continue to produce more per person than any other in-house printer in the country, surpassing plants operated by several Fortune 500 companies.

The annual *In-Plant Graphics* "Top 50" is the most complete listing of leading in-house printers in the United States. Overall rankings on the list are calculated from the annual sales revenue and number of employees at each in-plant.

This is the second year Washington State has been included in the IPG Top 50. In addition to ranking first in productivity, PRT is listed in the top 10 in several other important categories, including number of jobs produced each year.

"I am very pleased with the recognition we recently received from *In-Plant* magazine. It is particularly meaningful because it is a repeat of last year's acknowledgement of our accomplishments," said State Printer George Morton. "The Department of Printing's employees have set high standards for themselves and work diligently to ensure our customers receive the best possible value for their printing dollars. This recognition is a result of those efforts."